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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF SEX EDUCATION BY NACO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) has decided to review imparting of sex education in view of the objections raised by several States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NACO has proposed any suggestion in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether NACO has also submitted a proposal for consideration of the State Governments; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) has set up a National Adolescence Education Programme toolkit review committee comprising of academicians, educationists, child psychologists, child psychiatrists, Communication Experts, Non-governmental Organisations, National Council of Educational Research & Training and Central Board of Secondary Education to review the existing educational material. The first meeting of the committee was held on 08th August, 2007. At this meeting it was decided to prepare a guideline on content and pedagogical aspects of the AEP for guidance to State Governments and implementing agencies. This guideline will be based on a review of the Adolescence Education Programme materials developed by (a) NACO, UNICEF, Ministry of Human Resource Development and NCERT, (b) NCERT (c) CBSE in collaboration with Vidyasagar Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences (VIMHANS); and (d) YUVA module developed by Delhi State Council of Educational Research & Training.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir. In a letter addressed to the Chief Ministers of the States that have discontinued this programme, it was recommended that a committees be constituted consisting of teachers and parents to review the modules in order to suggest changes, if any. NACO has offered to provide technical assistance, if required.